

## MEDIC ONE STAFF REPORT – OCTOBER 2020

### ALS Update:

- ALS Contracts have been approved by the EMS Council and will be presented to the BoCC for approval on 10/13/2020.
- Medic One is continuing a QI review of all cardiac-related primary impressions for ALS providers over the course of July 9<sup>th</sup> - September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- We need to remind our crews to continue their PPE vigilance as the pandemic wears on. We have had some close calls in recent weeks with PPE “fatigue.”
- There are still supply chain constraints on PPE, but we are looking to build up a stockpile to make the PPE reserves more resilient going into the coming months.

### BLS Update:

- The Fall 2020-2 EMT Course:
  - We have received and accepted 31 students for the Fall EMT Course. 23 students are returning from the Spring EMT Course, and 8 students are new to the program. All Departments and students have been notified.
  - Our 8 new students completed an online CPR Course and in-person skills assessment on Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>. The students were well prepared and passed the practical skill assessment without difficulty.
  - The Fall EMT Course schedule reflects online assignments, virtual meetings/lectures and evaluations.
  - Class lectures have been modified and formatted for virtual classroom/independent learning.
  - Some lectures will be live presentation via Zoom.
  - Regular meetings with individual students and the Senior EMS Instructor (course lead) will be done via Zoom. This will allow each student to meet personally with the SEI for review or work on any challenges that student may have.
  - Reading assignments, course work and quizzes have been formatted and added to the virtual classroom. All students have been assigned to the virtual classroom for online course work.
  - Each online module will be followed up with live (via Zoom) review, case studies and group work sessions. These sessions will be a weekly function. The first student/SEI session was conducted on August 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - Four Fire Stations will serve as satellite locations for practical skills training; Station West Thurston Regional Fire Authority Station 1-2, Yelm Station 21, South Bay Station 81 and McLane Station 95. Thank you to all these Fire Agencies for hosting EMT sessions.

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- The first practical session was held on August 29<sup>th</sup>. We are still working with some technical issues at the satellite locations to ensure maximum online monitoring between each locations.
  - Student/faculty screening, facial covering and decontamination procedures will be strictly followed during all skill sessions.
  - EMT Course Tests will be proctored and delivered online at satellite locations.
  - Instructors and evaluators attended an update meeting via Zoom on August 24<sup>th</sup>, regarding course expectations and distance learning.
  - To date, our students will do Emergency Department Rotations for patient contacts. This may change depending on future hospital requirements/restrictions.
  - We will be evaluating the course as it progresses to identify strengths and weaknesses.
- OTEP
    - Training has resumed with social distancing and decontamination guidelines in place. Training with SGAs (supraglottic airways) has been led by Amy Johnson-Carpenter to ensure a consistent roll out of this new skill for EMTs.
    - Training is working with TAC to develop a three-year training plan to include online and skill practice and evaluation.

### **CPR Update:**

- Citizen CPR Classes resumed June 16<sup>th</sup>. Class sizes continue to be small to accommodate social distancing. Screening of class participants and decontamination guidelines remain in place.
- 1,337 citizens have been trained as of September 8th, 2020.